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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 07057.0058

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Nobuo YODOSHI ) Group Art Unit: 1745  
)  
Serial No.: 10/724,747 ) Examiner: Tracy Mae Dove  
)  
Filed: December 2, 2003 ) Confirmation No.: 2091  
)  
For: MEMBRANE-ELECTRODE )  
ASSEMBLY AND PRODUCTION )  
METHOD THEREOF )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In an Office Action dated December 22, 2006, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I - claims 1-22, drawn to a method of producing a membrane electrode assembly, or Group II - claim 23, drawn to a membrane electrode assembly. Applicant provisionally elects, without traverse, to prosecute Group I, claims 1-22 drawn to a method of producing a membrane electrode assembly.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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